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Romulus wins $1 million development grant

The City of Romulus has been awarded a $1 million federal grant for assistance to small business and workforce development in the city.

The Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) Grant was awarded to the city for the proposed Romulus Small Business Assistance and Workforce Development Project. The announcement follows the recent designation of Romulus as a Certified Redevelopment Ready Community by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

> *"I am excited for what this opportunity will bring to the city.*

Mayor Robert McCraight has been heavily focused on building an integrated Community and Economic Development Cohort.

"The goal is for this group to have the capacity and resources to address all aspects of the community's development needs while leveraging the cooperation of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) to allow Romulus to recognize its full potential," said McCraight.

The estimated $1 million award will be administered by the Congressional Grants Division of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This award is the result of congressionally directed spending and the support and commitment to Romulus demonstrated by Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, McCraight said. The appropriations process provides investment in a wide variety of projects such as housing, homelessness prevention, workforce training, public facilities, parks, resilience planning and other critical infrastructure and services.

The Romulus project has three main components; reten-

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Culinary cuties

Preschool students from Sunshine and Rainbows, the component of the Early Childhood/Teacher Education class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, visited the culinary class at the center last week. Culinary students helped their young guests learn to make pizza, which they then enjoyed for lunch. The preschool program was established in 1973 as a training site for high school students and adults in the childcare field. The program moved to the Timothy J. Dyer Social Services Building in 1981.

41st Annual Plymouth Ice Festival begins tomorrow

The streets of downtown Plymouth will shine with gleaming reflections bouncing off the nearly 100 ice sculptures throughout the area tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday during the 41st Plymouth Ice Festival.

Nearly every business in town will have a sculpture this year, explained James Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment, who produces the event.

"The festival is designed to bring people out of their homes during the winter months," Gietzen said, "and businesses hope to attract them."

Gietzen said distributing the sculptures throughout the downtown offers audiences a chance to see the art of the sculptors without the crush of crowds. He noted that visitors can enjoy the ice works at their own pace which can be a real advantage to families with younger children.

This year, the traditional attractions will fill the streets, including the exceptionally popular petting farm which draws huge crowds, Gietzen said. One added feature is the addition of two more warming stations.

"The Hot Spot near the Gathering sponsored by Ehlers will be open during the event as they usually are," Gietzen said, "and there will be food vendors, drinks, face painting and bathrooms available there." This year, two more warming stations have been added. One at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) on Main Street across from the library. Gietzen said that a hallway in the former school building will feature an art exhibit people can enjoy while getting out of the cold. "United Way will also be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday with hot beverages and snacks," Gietzen said. United Way is located at 960 Ann Arbor Trail.

The Rotary club sponsored Bingo game will return and the Party Tent which attracts a huge crowd will again be open in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's on Forest Street.

"This is just a real community event, designed for families, but with attractions for everyone," Gietzen said.

"Our only concern, as always, is the weather."

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Public input regarding a new community gathering space or park in Westland as part of creating a future City Centre District in the community.

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Inkster - Sumpter

Township attorney corrects false allegations

Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young corrected several misinformed claims made by a resident during the Jan. 10 meeting of the board of trustees.

During the public comment portion of the agenda, Randy Miller accused the board of violating state law regarding the sale of township property, claimed that Supervisor Tim Bowman should have recused himself from voting on a property matter due to a conflict of interest and alleged that the board had awarded a $400,000 insurance contract without the required bidding process.

Young immediately responded and apologized to the trustees for speaking out of turn on the agenda but said he felt correcting the false claims and assertions was necessary. Miller apparently believed that the township insurance agents, Burnham & Flower were being awarded a contract for a $468,611.88 small group insurance policy premium. Miller chastised the board for what he mistakenly interpreted as the awarding of a contract without proper bidding procedures. He went so far as to imply "corruption" on the part of the board.

Young explained that Burnham & Flower was the insurance agent for the township and the responsibility of the agency every year is to solicit bids from as many insurance providers as possible. The agency then brings the bids to the township and an appointed committee representing the employees reviews the proposed plans.

"The committee meets with representatives of the unions to discuss a plan consistent with the union contracts and within the budget," Young explained. He reiterated that Burnham & Flower is a facilitator and is not the insurance provider. Young said the committee members recommend the entity that provides the best plan for the employees in the township.

> "I have yet to see an issue here where that has been violated, ever.

"Burnham & Flower provides a service. They provide information to allow the board to make an informed decision," Young said. He reminded the board members that Burnham & Flower is currently the agency used by, "probably 67 percent of the communities in the tri-county area. Their expertise has given us the ability to make a smart decision," he added.

As for the claim that the board violated state law by meeting in closed session regarding the sale of township property, Young said under state law the board members "most certainly have a right to discuss the sale or purchase of property in closed session under certain circumstances."

Young said the law clearly allowed the board members to have a discussion of offers in closed session and to decide if the township is going to accept any proposal. "We can't have those discussion of offers in public in front of the very people making the proposals. Common sense would dictate that," he said.

Young then addressed the accusation of a conflict of interest vote by Bowman. He noted that a board member can only recuse himself from voting with permission of the board. "It's up to the elected official to determine if they have a financial interest in whatever matter is before the township board," he said. "I have yet to see an issue here where that has been violated, ever. If so, I have a duty to report that and I would do so," he said.

Trustee Matt Oddy also corrected Miller's false assertions noting that there is a great deal of misinformation that "ends up in the paper and then we have to correct it at the board table." Oddy went through the last three sales of property by the township and detailed the public meetings and discussions.. He explained that there had not been a closed session on any of the three. "I didn't attend any closed sessions and I haven't missed meetings," he said.

"You are not entitled to your own facts," Young said. "When you say Burnham & Flower was awarded a $400,000 plus contract, that is not accurate. That can't stand. We cannot let that roll out anymore. We used to and it got blown out of proportion, printed in the newspaper and it turned out to be false.

"Misinformation has to be corrected," the attorney said.

Inkster officials mark 2022 city accomplishments

Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly and members of the city council recently reminded residents of the progress in the city and the projects completed during 2022.

Listed among accomplishments listed in a newsletter to residents, Wimberly reminded residents of the completion of an open space amphitheater on Inkster and South River Park Drive. Funds for that project were allocated by state appropriations through the office of State Rep. Jewell Jones, the newsletter noted.

Bathrooms, showers, and the common area inside the Booker T. Dozier Center were renovated by using $800,000 allocated from the office of Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans through a Community Development Block Grant.The grant helped fund the remodeling of the recreation center.

Renovations of Colonial Park included the paving and connection of the area to the greenway path. Rodeway Hotel on Michigan Avenue was remodeled into an affordable one- and two-bedroom apartment complex, officials said.

> Projects currently in development in the city include the construction of The Inkster Senior Wellness Center, a $2.5-million facility.

A gas station was built on the corner of Middlebelt and Michigan Avenue which will be opening soon and the Old Red Carriage (in front of Heatherwood Apartments) was razed last year.

Projects currently in development in the city include the construction of The Inkster Senior Wellness Center, a $2.5-million facility. Wimberly said he and Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib participated in the Big Check ceremony at the initiation of the project.

Also in development, is a historical and cultural art museum at the former library site. State Sen Dayna Polehanki helped secure state approbation funds of $1.2 million for the project. The museum is slated to open early this year.

Also in progress is a $750,000 city sidewalk replacement program, the newsletter said.

The city hosted an Expungement Fair with Attorney General Dana Nessel which served more than 300 residents. Inkster also hosted the Annual Homecoming Memorial Festival, a 3-day family-friendly event.

Inkster received $50,000 from Priority Health & National Fitness to erect an Outdoor Fitness Court and sold the Inkster Civic Center was to a local developer and will be renovated into a state- of-the-art indoor athletic arena. The arena will include indoor soccer, football and other sports.

Last year, according to the newsletter, the city generated $952,205.99 in land sales.

During 2022, according to city records, Inkster was awarded $5.3 million through county, state, and federal appropriations, all used for improvements to the community, the bulletin concluded.

Man dies shoveling snow

The heavy snowfall last week resulted in tragedy as a 71-year-old man died while shoveling snow at his Inkster home.

According to police reports, the body of Leroy Steed was found outside his home Thursday morning, Jan. 26, where he had fallen shoveling snow the night before. He had last been seen the night before, outside his home. Police said his death was caused by a suspected heart attack.

Steed, a grandfather, retired from General Motors after 30 years of employment. A neighbor told reporters that she believed Steed could not get his snowblower started and was attempting to shovel his walks by hand, "and that's where it all ended."

Steed's son, Roy Steed, cautioned others about the dangers the snow presents. He urged residents to talk to their parents and help them. "If they don't call, you call them. Try to influence them not to go out there and shovel the snow," he told a local news station.

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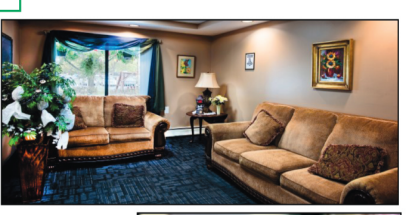

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CANTON - ROMULUS

Winning ways

The City of Romulus Police hockey players defeated the Westland police team by a score of 5-1 during a charity hockey game last week at the Taylor Sportsplex. The Hockey for Healthcare event was a benefit for Ascension of Southeast Michigan. Westland Mayor Michael P. Londeau,center, and Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight, left,had a friendly wager on the final score and the Westland loss means Londeau must buy McCraight lunch at a Romulus restaurant of his choice. McCraight chose Leonardo's Italian Grille. Taylor Mayor Tim Woolley, right, who hosted the event, joined his fellow officials at the game, but avoided the good-natured wagering.

Wine Walk fundraiser tickets now available

The Village Arts Factory will be the site of a unique fundraising effort this month.

A Wine Walk is being organized by the women of the Canton Learn.Advocate.Mentor (LAM) program of the Lead#LikeAGirl initiative in the township. The event is an effort to generate funding for the National Women's Health Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to provide women with a greater voice in the healthcare system.

The event is limited to those older than 21 and is set for 6 until 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at the arts facility located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township.

"We are so proud of all of the young ladies in LAM who brought such creativity to the planning of this special fundraiser," said Chelsea Straub, youth recreation specialist. "They took great strides in submitting ideas and developing all of the details for this fundraiser to make it the perfect girls' night out."

For a ticket price of $40 per person, participants will enjoy catered appetizers, wine sampling, live music, a pottery experience, and an art exhibition. A wine pull will also be available on-site for an additional $20 donation. A few lucky ladies could go home with a bottle valued at $100 or more. Tickets will be on sale through Feb. 17 at www.cantonfun.org/register. No on-site tickets will be available.

The mentor program, titled Learn.Advocate.Mentor, comprises young girls who have graduated from the Lead #LikeAGirl initiative that aims to inspire young women to rethink what it means to lead and live #LikeAGirl. For more information on this and other programs hosted by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org/146. Information about the National Women's Health Network, which aspires to a healthcare system that is guided by social justice and reflects the needs of diverse women, is available at www.nwhn.org.

For more information, call (734) 394-5361.

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tion of existing businesses, development of the city New Entrepreneur Success Training (NEST) business incubator, and a workforce development program, that together represent a "One Romulus" success strategy for the city and the Detroit Aerotropolis Region.

Director of Community Safety and Development Kevin Krause stated, "When I accepted this position, the mayor tasked my team with not only finding innovative solutions, but to do it in a way that addresses the economic disparity and income inequality that has been highlighted amongst minorities, disconnected youth, individuals with disabilities and the unemployed within the community.

"I'm proud to say that this project will accomplish that. I am excited for what this opportunity will bring to the city as we bring the community's identified vision for its future to fruition."

Specifics of the grant are expected in early spring as agreements are finalized.

Shooting suspects are sought

Canton Township police investigators are attempting to identify four individuals who may have been involved in a shooting that occurred in the area of 51074 Mott Road at about 11 p.m. Jan. 21.

Police said multiple shots were fired into an occupied mobile home in the incident.

Video from the area captured four individuals of interest, one wearing a two-tone hooded jacket, a ski mask, light color pants (possibly joggers) and dark shoes.

The other three were wearing less-distinct clothing, according to police sources.

There were no reported injuries in the shooting.

Police have requested that anyone with information about the incident contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips can also be called in to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.

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Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm
(This event is pending ice freezing weather. The backup date is the next Saturday: February 18, 2023)

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37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174

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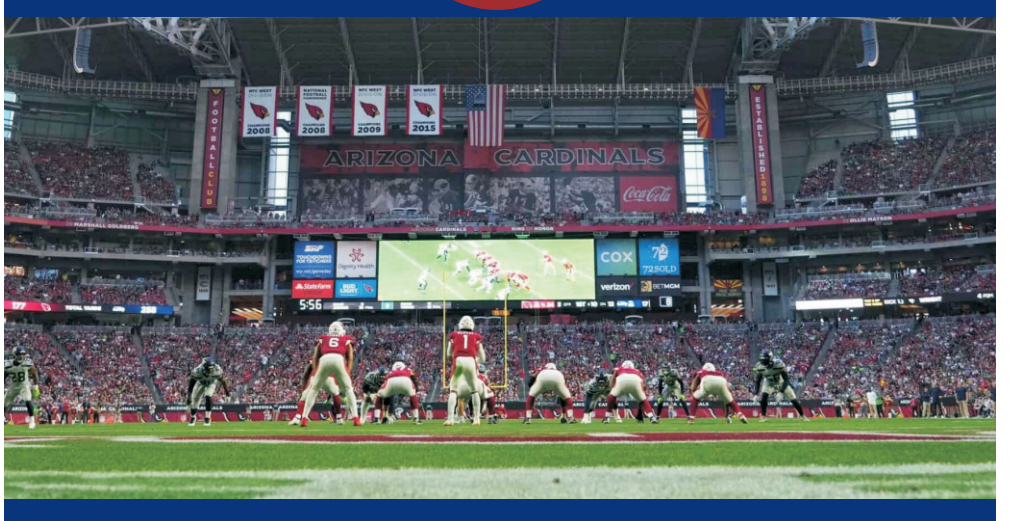

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Plymouth

All aboard

Historic railroad train depot exhibit renovation is on track

A new train station is expected to open in Plymouth next Wednesday.

The Plymouth Historical Society received a grant of $65,000 from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to renovate and enhance the railroad depot exhibit space at the Plymouth Historical Museum "Main Street" exhibit.

The exhibit is being completely renovated with modern technologies, which will allow visitors to walk inside and experience the sights and sounds of an early 20th-century railroad depot. The idea is to showcase the role of trains and the local railroad station in Plymouth, circa 1885-1930, explained museum Director Liz Kerstens.

"We are so grateful to the Margaret Dunning Foundation for the support of our railroad depot exhibit upgrade, as well as all of the support it has provided the museum through the years,"Kerstens said. "We are hoping to be able to open the new exhibit when the museum reopens Feb. 8, 2023."

Margaret Dunning was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. She died in 2015 at the age of 104, having lived 90 years in the same house on Penniman Road in Plymouth. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist and civic booster.

In 1947, Bessie Dunning and her daughter, Margaret, purchased a house at the present site of the library to provide the facility with a permanent home.

In recognition, the library building was named the Dunning Library.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is usually open to the public from 1 until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday but is closed for renovation work until Feb. 8. There is also an exhibit changeover under way, "Snapshots of Plymouth" which will open next week.

Construction on the new train depot exhibit is being completed by Stella Contracting while O'Donnell Electric is installing the necessary wiring. AFP Sound Systems is doing the digital equipment phase and Highway Media is creating the digital content.

T.J. Gaffney of Streamline Historic Services is the overall project coordinator.

Carpenters put a face on the front of the depot, framed in the storage closet, and honed some of the openings for doors and "windows" which are enormous TV screens.

The closet that will house some of the electronic equipment is nearly complete.

The bead board is getting installed and the walls and ceilings in the entryway are framed and soon visitors will be able to walk into the sights and sounds of the 1920s Pere Marquette Depot in Plymouth, circa 1885-1930.

Free COVID tests offered

The Plymouth District Library is offering a lot more than books these days.

Community residents can reserve a free COVID-19 antigen self-test kit by simply calling the library at (734) 453-750 and selecting option four. Once reserved, library officials said, the kits must be picked up the same day from the library hold shelf.

On-demand, walk-in distribution of the kits is not available, according to a prepared statement from the library. Callers may reserve one kit per person in their household. A daily limit of five kits applies, officials said, so if a household has more than five members, the remainder will have to be requested on a second day.

Kits will be available while supplies last. Details are available at plymouthlibrary.org.

NOTICE
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.
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Charter Township of Plymouth

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Notice of Public Hearings
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	Request for Special Land Use at multiple properties in the Township
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, February 22, 2023
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received (3) applications for Special Land Uses, the details for which are below. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:00 pm, to hear public comment on all (3) applications.

PC#2467 - 14900 Beck Road (Tax ID R-78-010-99-0006-700). Application for proposed outdoor vehicle storage for a self-storage facility.

PC#2463 - 1311 Ann Arbor Road (Tax ID R- 78-059-03-0039-300 and R-78-059-03-0042-000). Application for proposed drive-through lane for a Biggby coffee establishment.

PC#2466 - 14760 Northville Road (Tax ID R-78-017-03-0051-00). Application for proposed used car sales and outdoor vehicle storage, automobile commercial garage (oil change and minor repair), automobile major repair shop (body and mechanical shop), and self-serve car wash.

Written comments will be received by postal mail or email to planning@plymouthtwp.org until close-of-business on February 21, 2023. View the digital plans here, or in-person at the 2nd Floor Public Services Counter of Plymouth Township Hall (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM):
www.plymouthtwp.org/government/departments/community_development/current_projects.php

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Carol Martin. Plymouth Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one week's advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Publish on, or before: February 6, 2023
Gail Grieger, Secretary, Planning Commission

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
2023 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

General Notice
The Charter Township of Plymouth (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2023 Sidewalk Replacement Program
PL22010

Plymouth Township, Michigan

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Plymouth Township Hall** located at **9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, MI 48170** until **Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 at 10:00 am** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Removing and replacing existing concrete sidewalks along public rights-of-way within Plymouth Township.
The approximate quantities of the major items of Work are:

31,925 SF	Concrete Walk Remove & Replace, 4 Inch
8,038 SF	Concrete Walk Remove & Replace, 6 Inch
1,063 SF	Concrete Walk Remove & Replace, 8 Inch

Bids are requested for the following Contract: 2023 Sidewalk Replacement Program

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

MITN website at www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn

The Township is providing the Bidding Documents on the MITN website at www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn. Please see separate files uploaded which consist of the Project Manual and the Drawings.

Bidder's inquiries shall be directed to Mark Collins, Spalding DeDecker, mcollins@sda-eng.com at 248- 844-5400.

Instructions to Bidders.

Bid Security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders must be submitted with each Bid.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 120 days after the actual date of opening thereof. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the OWNER and any Bidder or Bidders.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **The Charter Township of Plymouth**
By: **Jerry Vorva,**
Title: **Township Clerk**
Date: **February 2, 2023**

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION:	Request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Option
DATE OF HEARING:	Wednesday, February 15, 2023
TIME OF HEARING:	7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING:	Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a PUD Option on the property located at the southwest corner of 5 Mile Road and Ridge Road in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan. Tax ID No.'s R-78-001-99-0001-704, R-78-001-01-0001-000, R-78-001-01-0002-000, R-78-001-01- 0003-000, R-78-001-01-0004-000, R-78-001-01-0005-000, R-78-001-01-0006-000, R-78-001-01-0007-000, and R-78-001-01-0008-000.

The project would consist of the construction of a ½ mile oval harness racetrack and supporting structures including a two-story Grandstand, Racing Building, Horse Barn, and Maintenance Building on the 128 acre site. The proposed development is a relocation/replacement for an existing racetrack, Northville Downs, currently located on the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Roads in the City of Northville, Michigan approximately 4.5 miles to the northeast of the Plymouth site.

View the digital plans here, or in-person at the 2nd Floor Public Services Counter of Plymouth Township Hall (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM): https://www.plymouthtwp.org/government/departments/community_development/current_project s.php

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Gail Grieger, Secretary, Planning Commission

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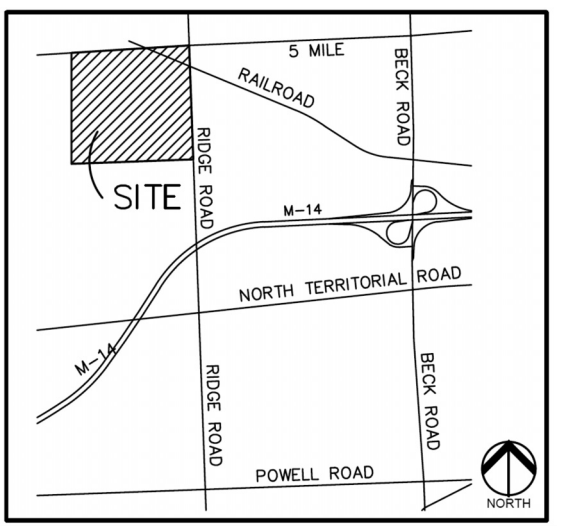

NORTHVILLE

Concrete evidence

A large piece of Northville Township is headed to the Grand Rapids area. Concrete rubble from the demolition of the former state psychiatric hospital buildings at Legacy Park is being crushed down to gravel, "cleaned" by a magnet and sent by truckloads to the west side of Michigan, where it will be used to make new concrete. Currently there is a nationwide concrete shortage, so the recycled demolition debris is a welcome addition to the construction industry, officials said. Nearly all the debris from the demolition project is being recycled, and not taken to a landfill, they added.

School district hosts Parent Camp on Saturday

The Northville Educational Foundation and Northville Public Schools are partnering to host the Eighth Annual Northville Parent Camp. The event will take place from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 4 at Northville High School.

This is a "a one-stop shop" for parents wanting to add more tools to their toolbox, organizers said.

"Parent Camp is an opportunity that was designed many years ago that allows parents the opportunity to receive free resources, training, and support from local and national vendors," explained Aaron Baughman, assistant superintendent of instructional services at Northville Public Schools.

Northville Public Schools in partnership with Northville Educational Foundation is offering a free conference to any parent in the area.

"I would just encourage parents to think about Parent Camp and attending because as a parent myself of students here in this district, or just a parent in general, this is an opportunity like no other where you have some of the most highly qualified and talented professionals from across the state and sometimes even the country who have information and resources and answers to some of the most difficult parenting things that we face," said Baughman.

There will be three breakout sessions that will last about an hour each and parents will be to select from about 35 different topics.

"It's really just a general kind of widespread offering to parents, everything from college planning for their kids to academic support to mental health and wellbeing, parenting support, and everything in between that you can imagine," said Baughman.

One of the presenting speakers will include former Lions quarterback Eric Hipple. He and his daughter, Tarah Hipple-Thomas, will talk about their journey as they navigated. through a traumatic event within their family.

They will discuss how they survived the fallout of the tragic loss of a beloved family member to suicide and their treatment and recovery from the adversity that followed. Utilizing mental health tools, they evolved into the mental health advocates they are today.

Hipple will discuss the personal challenges from a father's perspective (including the transition from being a professional athlete) and Hipple-Thomas will discuss her challenges from a sibling's perspective.

New this year will be a Mental Health and Wellness Resource Fair which anyone can attend. Parents will be able to walk around and explore more than 50 vendors.

"Those resources are going to range from mental health services, so we might have a table from Trinity Health and IHA, Everybody versus Stigma, different counseling centers for our parents to visit,

"We'll also have wellness type tables that will include Alliance of Therapy Dogs. And we'll also have resources that are specific to families that have children that have special education services like Michigan Alliance for Families or SEPAC," explained Beth Santer, executive director of special services at Northville Public Schools.

The workshops and event are free and sponsored by Michigan Educational Credit Union.

The full list of breakout sessions can be found on the 2023 Parent Camp & Mental Health and Wellness Fair website.

Special guest

Police canine officer Max arrested the affection and attention on students at Winchester Elementary School recently. Max was accompanied by Northville Police Community Service Ofc. Andrew Domzalski during his visit to help the students understand some of the procedures in the public safety department. Max, a goldendoodle, joined the police department last fall as a therapy dog and is partnered with Domzalski in community service efforts.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR
ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Meeting at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at:

6:00 pm, Thursday
February 23, 2023

regarding the request for the following variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Township is in receipt of an application requesting a Zoning Ordinance Variance to allow for a split of property at more than a 4x1 ratio, allowing the parcel to be more conforming with a home on each parcel.

SITE LOCATION

The site of the requested variance is 21400 Elwell Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Meeting has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens with an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

ABSENT: Jason Rhines, Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **Appointment - Building Board of Appeals - Andrew Duhn** - Approved
   - B. **Landfill Working Committee Report** - Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** One letter was read into the public comments by Clerk Lundberg.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **Public Safety - Police** - Vehicle Purchase - Approved
   - B. **Public Services - Vehicle Purchase** - Approved

C. **Business Registration Fee Schedule** - Approved

- D. **Baseball Fencing Repair/Replacement- Millennium Park** - Approved
- E. **Dugout Roof Replacement - Millennium Park** - Approved
- F. **Playground Replacement - Marv Gans Community Park** - Approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:**
   - A. **Ordinance Amendment Chapter 53-17 Penalties** - First Reading Approved
8. **Check Registry:**

A. **In the amount of $ 3,516,882.85 for the period of December 3, 2022 to January 6, 2023.** - Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on January 31, 2023.
Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE §53-17

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §53-17 (Keeping of Animals: Penalties) at their Regular Meeting on February 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of January 19, 2023.
The proposed amendment will be as follows:

A. *Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties specified for a violation of the Township Code. However, only in the case of a violation of §53-4 a written warning shall be provided to the responsible party as follows:*

The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, is authorized to serve a written notice of violation on the person responsible for any violation of the provisions of §53-4 which shall require compliance within 14 days of the notice.

Failure to comply with the written warning on a first offense or second offense shall result in the following penalty:

- *a. The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular section:*
  - *i. First offense: The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in the amount of $300, plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.*
  - *ii. Second offense: The civil fine for any offense which is a second offense shall be in an amount of $500, plus costs and other sanctions for each offense.*
  - *b. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil fraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce or enjoin violation of the chapter.*
- *c. Continuing offense. Each act of violation, and on each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.*
- *d. Remedies not exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for by the Code of Ordinances, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.*
- *e. The Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to impose costs, damages and expenses provided by the law.*
- *f. A municipal civil infraction shall not be a lesser-included offense of a criminal offense or of an ordinance violation which is not a civil infraction.*
- *g. A third or subsequent offense shall be a misdemeanor punishable as set forth in §1-10 of the Township Code.*

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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Wayne - Westland

High schools each receive $5,000 grant

Both high schools in the Wayne Westland district were among those awarded ASPIRE grants from the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN).

Both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High School will receive $5,000 as part of the program which awarded grants to only 10 high schools in the state. Recipients will use the funds over the next four to six months to assess current systems and practices, determine challenge areas, develop an action plan and establish a postsecondary action and success team, according to a prepared statement from the organization.

In alignment with Michigan's Sixty by 30 goal, High School Innovation Grants encourage schools to assess and improve their college-going cultures through a multi-year collaborative process. The schools will work collaboratively with MCAN and community partners to develop sustainable, systems-wide plans to improve postsecondary outcomes for their students. This is a new grant program that builds on the prior work of MCAN with high schools.

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"Michigan's students deserve robust, equity-based postsecondary guidance that prepares them for college and careers," said Ryan Fewins-Bliss, MCAN executive director. "By addressing systemic inequities and employing best practices, we can help ensure that all students - especially low-income students, first-generation college-going students, and students of color - can access postsecondary education that helps them achieve their career goals."

Upon completion of the ASPIRE stage, schools will progress to the ACTIVATE stage, a 12- to 18-month period that includes an additional $10,000 in grant funding, where they will develop and execute plans to improve college-going culture, as well as create data infrastructure to measure student trends. The final stage, ALIGN, is a 6- to 12-month period that includes another $10,000 in grant funding. In this stage, the schools will focus on sustaining best practices and sharing results with others in the education community.

For more information, visit micollegeaccess.org.

Officials seek public input on park design

A new community gathering space or park is under consideration in Westland as part of creating a future City Centre District in the community.

A survey posted on the city website regarding the proposed City Centre Park is asking residents and business owners to list amenities they might suggest for the park which would be constructed on a parcel of land adjacent to Westland City Hall. The proposed project has been in the planning stages for more than a year, according to a prepared statement from the city.

A survey regarding the preferred amenities or needs of the public is available at https://ohmplanning.typeform.com/to/Zwrxaxcd..., which can also be accessed at the homepage of the city

Plans are to construct a programmable community gathering space in the former Service Merchandise site off Nankin Boulevard. The project is the continuation of the investment in this district including the relocation of city gall and Fire Station 1. The announced goal of the project is to "create a City Centre District which will provide opportunity for future development and provide an anchor for new and existing businesses, while providing an amenity for residents, visitors and local workers that encourages them to connect with the community," according to the statement. To watch an animated video of the park visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jn2TYJdbvV4

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Wayne band to play for Tigers

Wayne Memorial High School students have hit a high note with the recent announcement that the Zebra Marching Band will perform the National Anthem at Comerica Park this spring.

The band will take to the baseball diamond at 6:45 p.m. to perform the anthem just before the game begins and the first pitch is thrown. School officials said a link would be posted on the Wayne Westland Community Schools website at a later date for the purchase of tickets to the game.

All the marching band members will be admitted to the Detroit Tigers game free of charge in return for the musical performance. Organizers suggested visiting the district website for more information regarding tickets for the Tigers vs. the San Francisco Giants game.

Library is moved to school

Full library services at the William Faust Public Library of Westland were expected to begin yesterday at Marshall Elementary School, 35100 Bayview Street. While there are still a few procedures to work through, patrons can check out and return items, fax/copy/print materials, use the computers and other services. Library employees are hoping to welcome patrons at the temporary facility while a major renovation of the library building on Central City Parkway is complete. The entrance and parking for the library is at the rear of the school building, accessible by the west driveway.